

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Wittenberg

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS Summary of paragraph 1 was previously reported

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1. Loadings observed in Wittenberg between 14 and 17 April 1953 included:

14 April. About 500 to 600 boxes with ammunition; and billeting equipment from the Flak Kaserne, which were hauled to the station by trucks

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15 April. Eighteen T-34/85 tanks and about 100 troops from the Flak Kaserne, at about 9:30 a.m. About 30 trucks, including 9 mounting heavy machine guns; 4 guns, believed 57-mm AT guns; and about 200 troops from the Flak Kaserne, at about 11:30 a.m.

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 Eight T-34/85 tanks
 2 T-34 hulls, about 20 trucks
 and about 200 troops, at about 6 p.m.

About 50 boxcarloads of ammunition and billeting equipment.

16 April. Nine T-34/85 tanks

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 6 trucks
about 120 troops from the Tauntzien Kaserne, at about 8 a.m.

Six BA-64 armored scout cars 6

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jeeps, amphibious car trucks
 and about 300 troops, at about 11 a.m.

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Nine JS-3 tanks

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 4 BA-64 armored scout cars; 2 guns, believed
57-mm AT guns; 2 SU-76 guns; armored scout cars 6

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motorcycles; 5 trucks and about 300 troops from the Beseler Kaserne, at about 7 p.m.

A total of about 40 boxcarloads of ammunition and billeting equipment.

17 April. Six radio trucks

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 several trucks
2 BA-64 armored scout cars; and about 80 troops from the Tauntzien Kaserne, at about 8:30 a.m.

About 45 to 50 trucks

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 jeeps 3 motorcycles
and about 200 troops, at about noon.

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Eight JS-3 tanks [] and about 60 troops from the Beseler Kaserne, at about 12:45 p.m. []
 Eight SP guns, [] believed [] SU-249 guns []
 [] and about 80 troops, at about 2 p.m. []
 Three SP guns, [] believed [] SU-249 guns; about 10 trucks, []
 [] and about 200 troops, at about 6 p.m. []
 [] the occupation of the barracks installations in Wittenberg on 17 April as follows: the Flak Kaserne by about 600 troops, the Beseler Kaserne by about 300 troops, the Tauntzien Kaserne by about 250 troops, the Arado installation by about 400 troops, the installation at Karl Marx Platz by about 100 troops, and the Brueckenkopf Kaserne by about 400 troops. []

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1. [] Comment. The departure of units of the 6th Gds Tank Div on 14 April, probably for Justerbog and Werder-Markendorf, was confirmed []

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[] the entraining of the following units: elements of the division headquarters, the tank company, and a reconnaissance company of the 3d Gds Mtrcl Bn, from the Tauntzien Kaserne; a heavy tank company, an SP gun company, and armored scout cars of the 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt; and a heavy tank company of the 51st Gds Tank Regt, from the Beseler Kaserne; and a medium tank battalion of the 53d Gds Tank Regt from the Flak Kaserne. A total of about 80 tanks and SP guns, 20 armored scout cars and other reconnaissance vehicles, 110 trucks, and 1,600 troops is believed to have been entrained.

2. [] Comment. The 6th Gds Tank Div is not believed to be stationed in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. This installation is believed to be occupied by air force units and elements of the 62d AAA Div (US) which furnish the personnel for AAA emplacements at the bridge across the Elbe River.

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3. [] Comment. [] the Hq 6th Gds Tank Div in Wittenberg until 21 February 1955.

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